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The following is a summary of Soviet activities along the Soviet-Iranian border during the period 6 - 9 January 1951.

Dzhulfa 3 January

Rail Traffic

Eight trains composed of 29 passenger cars, 44 box cars, 23 tank cars, and five gondolas carrying coal. One locomotive pulling five gondolas carrying cartridge boxes, mortars, and equipment was also observed, (Direction not given)

1500 - 1530 hours

Shooting occurred opposite Shah Abasi.

1515 hours

When two autos arrived at Dzhulfa the officers and members of the post performed field problems.

1515 - 1700 hours

12 soldiers fired mortars opposite the Iranian post of Minjiabad (not located).

Sia Rud 8 January

Rail Traffic

Four trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 42 freight cars, seven tank cars, seven gondolas, 29 cars carrying machinery, and 25 gondolas carrying logs, cases, iron materials, one auto, and one crane. (Direction not given)

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letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central intelligence to the

Archivist of the United States.

Astara January

Road Traffic

North and southbo nd between Astara and Lenkoran: one ambulance, six trucks, and 15 carts carrying eight officers, 26 armed and 12 unarmed soldiers. One auto carrying a portable vircless was also observed.

East and westbound between Astara and Hasjed Hahalleh: 13 trucks and three carts carrying 65 armed and 55 unarmed woldiers, and 62 civilians. 12 armed infantrymen were also observed.

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Between Masjed Mahalleh and the post under observation farthest west: five trucks and six carts carrying two officers, 48 armed and 18 unarmed soldiers, and 62 civilians. 15 armed cavalrymen were also observed.

Intermittent searchlight activity was observed in the area of Astara.

One rocket was fired at Astara, three at the Vardali (not located) post, and two at Rudkinar (38-29N, 48-51E). Three mortars were also fired at Rudkinar.

12 boats fished at sea off Astara.

4. Lutfabad 6 and 8 January (report for two days)

Rail Traffic
21 trains composed of 108 passenger cars, 178 tank cars, and 393 freight cars of which 77 carried logs, 26 carried coal, 47 were empty, and the rest were covered. (Direction not given)

night

Six trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

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